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Work Plan for April - June 1952

1. Objectives of the 1 Bureau of the North Korean Ministry of Social Security<sup>1</sup> during the second quarter of 1952 include the following:
  - a. Develop long-range operations using agents already permanently established in South Korea.
  - b. Penetrate liaison offices of ROK ministries, particularly liaison offices working with the ROK Ministry of National Defense.
  - c. Determine logistic support given United Nations penetration agents dispatched to North Korea and rewards given these agents by the United Nations after the return of the agents to South Korea.
  - d. Mount operations against the most enthusiastic supporters of the ROK government and against persons most damaging to the Communist program.
  - e. Identify those North Korean partisans in South Korea whom the ROK government desires to detain.
  - f. Identify all United Nations advisers in South Korea and determine which aspects of ROK policy are being developed without the advice of the United Nations (sic) Military Advisory Group.

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- g. Select North Korean Labor Party members qualified in commercial practices for development by these members of trade routes to be used in transmitting information from South Korea.

2. During April, May, and June 1952 each of the three advanced detachments of the MSS will recruit 20 local persons each month for penetration operations in South Korea. The recruiting program will concentrate on South Korean Labor Party members who went to North Korea after 25 June 1950, persons familiar with the geography of South Korea, and thoroughly investigated and indoctrinated prisoners of war. The propaganda departments of the county labor parties will select possible agents and inform the county detachment of the MSS of the names of the persons suggested. The director of the propaganda department and a representative of the MSS will speak with each person on the favorable commercial prospects if an armistice is concluded and the need in North Korea of diesel oil and gasoline if these commodities can be brought to Chinnamp'o. The two officials will also ask if the person is interested in establishing a trading business in South Korea. Details on the type of firm the agent is to establish will be provided at a later meeting. Each person selected will receive no intelligence mission until he has returned to North Korea twice with barter items. Each agent, to be kept under constant surveillance until considered completely trustworthy, will be absorbed gradually into the work of his final assignment.

#### Agents in the Seoul Area

3. On 27 February 1952 a sub-office of the 5 Bureau of the Ministry of Social Security and an area office of KIM P'a (6855/3134), deputy minister of the MSS, were moved to the former Songa Milk Ranch at the base of Songak Mountain (126-32, 38-00) (BT-8308). YUN Uk (1438/2485),<sup>2</sup> a graduate in 1948 of the Pyongyang MSS school, is deputy director of the 5 Bureau.
4. On approximately 16 March 1952 the MSS sent six agents under the cover of refugees to the Seoul area to contact families of persons taken north by the Chinese Communists. The agents will seek information from each family in payment for a promise of assisting the return of the particular relative who has been detained. The agents were as follows:

CHONG Hyon-ok (6774/6881/3768), a woman, aged 25, a native of Anak-kun (125-32, 38-41) (YD-2084).

KIM Pyong-hwa (6855/3521/5478), aged 56, formerly a farmer at Ich'on (126-53, 38-30) (GT-1563). He has a large mouth.

KU Man-sung (0367/5502/4141), aged 17, a native of Anak-kun.

SIN Hwa-chung (3947/0735/2973), aged 15, a native of Namch'onjŏn (126-24, 38-20) (BT-7246). He has large eyes and a round face.

YI Won-mo (2621/0337/2823),<sup>2</sup> also known as YI Chong (2621/2973), aged 29. He may direct the other five agents listed here.

YUN Wan-ho (1438/1346/3185), also known as YUN Sang-sun (1438/1424/8642), aged 18, and a graduate of the Chinnamp'o Commercial School.

#### Agent Identity Cards

5. In late 1951 the 5 Bureau of the MSS at Chaewon-gol (125-46, 39-07) (YD-3933) began to issue a general purpose identity card to certain of its counter-espionage agents in North and South Korea. The MSS developed the card

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principally for use by MSS agents in North Korea who pose as South Koreans in order to pick up agents sent by the ROK to North Korea. Agents assigned to infiltrate South Korea also receive the cards, which identify them to North Korean authorities and authorize supply and travel support from all North Korean governmental offices. The MSS has forbidden use of the card as an identity card unless the agent cannot identify himself by other means. If the card is to be used as an identity card, the agent is permitted to show it only to the commanding officer or the director of the inquiring office. Agents possessing the card need carry no other personal documents as identification.<sup>3</sup> For security reasons, the cards were not being numbered prior to transmission of the cards to the section heads. Each section head was receiving a block of numbers for issue to the agents.<sup>4</sup> The offset printing technique, used in the background of the card, and the clean type of the card's text indicate that reproduction was not done in North Korea.

- 25X1A 1. [REDACTED] Comment. The 1 Bureau of the MSS is believed to be responsible for counter-espionage in South Korea and the collection of political, economic, and cultural information in the ROK and of information on United States organizations in South Korea.
- 25X1A 2. [REDACTED] Comment. In early February 1952 Yi Won-mo was a student at the MSS agent training school at 28 Okam-dong, Kaesong, and was expected to complete his training on 1 March. YUN Uk was the chief instructor at the Kaesong school. See [REDACTED]
- 25X1A 3. [REDACTED] Comment. The contradiction between this sentence and the preceding sentence was not explained in the source's material.
- 25X1A 4. [REDACTED] Comment. The broad authorization of the card and the controls limiting its use make the pass an ideal instrument for project agents.

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